



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Melissa K. Ambre, Director
Office of School Finance

DATE: March 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Common School Fund Advancements for Construction and Technology Programs

The Office of School Finance received and evaluated applications for construction and technology advancements from the Common School Fund under I.C. 20-49-3 from February 9, 2011, through March 4, 2011. There is \$50,000,000 available for advancements for these programs. That amount was divided equally between construction and technology loans making available \$25,000,000 for each loan type.

Technology

The Office of Finance received requests for common school technology loans from 17 corporations during the application period. Based upon internal discussions regarding the 17 applications received and reviewed by the Department, we request that you approve 16 requests at the April 6 meeting of the Board. The remaining application is being held pending receipt of further information and will be presented at a later date.

We request approval of applications totaling \$7,814,534.00, as referenced below:

Unit Code	School Corp Name	Amount Recommended
5380	Beech Grove City Schools	\$ 244,300.00
8360	Centerville-Abington Comm. Schools	\$ 156,700.00
4015	Jennings County School Corp.	\$ 330,000.00
3480	Eastern Howard School Corp.	\$ 126,882.00
0370	Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp.	\$ 88,900.00
1910	Yorktown Community Schools	\$ 216,000.00
6460	MSD Boone Township	\$ 104,300.00
4670	School City of East Chicago	\$ 473,400.00
6550	Portage Township Schools	\$ 775,600.00
0235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$1,950,000.00
5930	Mooreville Consolidated School Corp.	\$ 412,600.00
2305	Elkhart Community Schools	\$1,170,856.00
0940	West Clark Community Schools	\$ 393,896.00
4720	School Town of Highland	\$ 321,700.00
4615	Lake Central School Corporation	\$ 949,400.00
7875	West Lafayette Comm. School Corp.	\$ 100,000.00

The first eight (8) school technology loans listed are within the lowest 40% of assessed valuation per ADM. Because additional dollars were available, the Department is recommending approval of all technology loans requested even though the assessed value to ADM falls outside of forty percent.

Construction

The Office of Finance received a request for a common school construction loan from one corporation during the application period. Based upon internal discussions regarding the one application received and reviewed by the Department, we request that you approve 0 requests and deny the one request as listed below at the April 6 meeting of the Board.

Yorktown Community School

We recommend denial of the Yorktown Community Schools' request for a common school construction loan for \$700,000.00 because the project involves site improvements at several buildings. The State Board of Education's Administrative Policy states in part, "During any one award period, a school corporation may cite no more than one building (remodeling, renovation, or new structure) as the subject of an advance from the Common School Fund."

Summary:

As a matter of information, the State Board of Finance has established the interest rate for the construction program at 4.0 percent per annum and the educational technology program at 1.0 percent per annum.